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#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

### Report for the month of DECEMBER, 1948.

### Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 2/2/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population;
Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and
Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales
Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations;
Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production;
Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

#### POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1948 was estimated to be 515, 302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

#### MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	NOVE	MBER		Months ended YEMBER
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages No. *Rate per 1000	483	434	4,633	4,782
of Population	11.34	10.41	9.84	10.39
Births No. *Rate per 1000	1,107	976	11,888	11,867
of Population	26.00	23.40	25.24	25.77
Deaths No. *Rate per 1000	394	347	4,330	4, 305
of Population	9.25	8.32	9.19	9.35
Infant Mortality No. Rate per 1000	28	27	304	361
Live Births	25.29	27.66	25.57	30.42
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH - Tuberculosis Cancer Influenza Diphtheria Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis Diseases of the Heart Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia Diarrhoea and Enteritis Nephritis Diseases of Early Infancy Senility Locidents L1 Other Causes	10 57 1 1 29 13 117 26 1 12 19 8 24 76	8 46 	152 575 23 7 382 136 1,308 271 22 159 173 75 256 791	128 534 9 8 384 148 1,253 255 31 167 184 114 265 825
TOTAL	394	347	4,330	4,305

<sup>\*</sup> Equivalent Annual Rate.

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### LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December totalled 882,120 acres, an increase of 226,118 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 7,039,165 acres, a decrease of 1,444,908 acres.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month o	f DECEMBER	6 Months ended DECEMBER		
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Revenue Revenue per Head of Popln.	£	£	£	£	
	2,559,629	1,786,973	9,708,854	7,930,976	
	£4.18.4d.	£3.10.3d.	£18.14.105	£15.13.8d.	
Expenditure or Head of Popln.	2,098,224	1,561,699	10,230,166	8,583,381	
	£4.0.7d.	£3.1.5d.	£19.15.0d.	£16.19.6d.	

#### SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st December amounted to £36,298,363 or £69.13.5d. per head of population as against £35,838,214 or £70.8.6d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

#### BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 31st December, 1948 amounted to £6,659,956, compared with £5,079,708 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at	1	EMBER	6 Months ended DECEMBER		
the Office of Land Titles & Deed	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Transfers No.	1,618	1,337 673,431	9,787 5,172,984	9,240 4,635,921	
Mortgages No.	867 937,870	895 842,202	5,4 <b>17</b> 5,266,459	5,728 5,382,965	
Discharges of Mortgages No.	787	817	4,860	5,057	

# SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

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Month of	The state of the s	e Goods	Sales of	
Receipt of Returns	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	hich Tax is Payable which Tax is NOT (Gross) Payable (Gross)		Tax Collected
1947 -	£	£	£	£
December 1948 -	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
January February March April May June July Mugust September Jotober Vovember December	1,269,393 1,257,388 1,093,047 1,463,655 1,369,377 1,366,881 1,222,057 1,535,712 1,412,657 1,402,699 1,621,539 1,685,438	752,509 864,177 599,259 1,226,320 772,233 1,156,566 834,278 1,104,077 949,181 905,874 1,010,631 972,483	3,011,477 3,248,518 2,779,556 3,719,757 3,414,017 3,913,584 4,304,727 3,564,010 3,424,681 3,320,550 3,508,259 3,963,816	175,780 137,796 148,425 156,617 155,967 162,770 147,595 155,618 179,347 164,704 180,926 176,856

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### COMPANIES REGISTERED.

68 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,676,500 and 29 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 69 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,882,500 and 27 Foreign Companies.

### BANKRUPTCY,

	6 Months ended DECEMBER								
•		1948			1947				
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets			
		£	£		£	£			
Sequestration Orders	10	6,066	1,396	6	18,681	2,405			
Deeds of Assignment(a)	9	47,453	39,547	3	7,303	4,409			
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	449		•	_			

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

#### TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:-

000	TOBER	4 Months end	ded OCTOBER
1948	1947	1948	1947
469,100	411,800	1,693,200	1,572,500
551,076	450,773	2,183,354	1,717,663
600,760	639,717	2,360,093	2,501,683
1,134,125	1,192,185	4, 354, 380	4,679,456
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### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

# (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

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	ME	TROPOLITAN	AREA			ENTIRE ST	ATE				
Period	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883			
1948 - January February March April May June July August September October November	74 112 173 202 150 213 189 168 253 192 215	27 44 51 40 53 64 68 74 83 71	13636467783	49 72 92 67 60 54 62 54 82 61 89	140 246 337 394 311 268 518 355 452 353 384	124 151 159 147 163 126 368 242 238 250 222	5699344392139139	80 97 126 101 86 67 151 101 130 122 159			

### (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)\*

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1947 - ecember 1948 -	No. 21,425	No. 10,075	No. 271	No. 5,321	No. 34,096	No. 33,210	No. 379	No. 8,213	
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<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for November, 1948 - 135 Cars; 502 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

# TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, November, 1948 and 1947, and 5 months ending ovember, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

Berlev-Annipudintaloguesinings.	IMPO	ORTS	1	EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
NOVE	NOVEMBER 5 Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER		
1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
£A,000 1,584	£A,000 1,161	£A,000 8,921	£A,000 6,115	£A,000 4,914	£A,000 5,663	£A,000 19,324	£A,000 16,508
2,304	2,818	12,527	10,768	508	203	2,080	2,625
3,888	3,979	21,448	16,883	5,422	5,866	21,404	19,133
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#### BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

#### (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPTETED.

		Dwe	llings								
Period				contractors, etc. (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000	
Year 1946 Year 1947	55 165	32 109	1,316 2,245	1,221 2,380	52 <i>37</i> 7	82 64	145 164	192 327	1,568	1,527	
1948 - March Qr. June Qr. Sept. Qr.	66 126 96	48 82 62	504 627 631	552 731 765	4 11 22	4 33 80	88 56 53	76 67 134	662 820 802	680 913 1,041	

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	H <sub>C</sub>	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Wall									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total		
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000	
Year 1946 Year 1947	578 1,114	640 1,365	186 257	140 196	373 966	296 862	22 <b>7</b> 62	172 47	1,364	1,248	
1948 - March Qr. June Qr. Sept. Qr.	247 295 310	320 386 433	72 93 81	48 70 65	245 353 323	225 325 315	3 5 10	1 4 8	567 746 724	594 785 821	

#### BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,304,481 lbs. were produced during November, 1948, and 10,167,824 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1948, as against 2,225,160 lbs. and 10,006,089 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

#### GOLD PRODUCTION.

	DECE	MBER	12 Months e	nded DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
Quantity Fine Ozs.	57,612	58,104	664,985	703,886	and the same of
Value (Aust. Currency) £	620,052	625,342	7,158,019	7,575,574	

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 12 months ended December, 1948 amounted to £836,939. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £894,085.

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### FETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

## (Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

					Annual Contract of the Party of			
		Food and	Grocerie	B	All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
Town Metropolitan Area	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area Kalgoorlie-Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton Collie	1333 1468 1359 1344 1360 1349	1159 1312 1185 1171 1193 1184	1251 1387 1272 1257 1279 1265	1104 1239 1125 1108 1133 1123	1316 1415 1322 1327 1383 1268	1189 1297 1200 1201 1251 1146	1264 1368 1272 1277 1327 1217	1161 1265 1171 1173 1221 1117

### ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

## Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -			
July August September Ootober November December	104,271	35,640	139,911
	104,124	35,816	139,940
	105,208	35,888	141,096
	105,646	35,924	141,570
	105,849	36,308	142,157
	106,764	36,645	143,409
January February Aarch April Aay June July August September October	106,732	36,366	143,098
	106,519	36,527	143,046
	107,574	36,832	144,406
	108,141	36,908	145,049
	109,227	36,880	146,107
	109,205	36,942	146,147
	109,375	37,154	146,529
	108,611	37,073	145,684
	109,416	37,224	146,640
	110,240	37,592	147,832
	111,010	37,704	148,714

### EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month		<b>(</b> Ba	FACT Ase: 192 Employee	RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))						
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<sup>(</sup>a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

<sup>(</sup>b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

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	DEC	BMB(et }		s ended MBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	
nits Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,431	17,563	116,986	111,972	
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# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
	No.	No	No.	No.	
cember, 1948 cember, 1947	7,104 4,665	547 316	144,643 82,514	12,765 13,085	
Months ended December, 1948 Months ended December, 1947	103,223 95,932	5,119 4,641	1,006,789	119,173	

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